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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

- against -

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

- against -

DAVID R. MARKIN, individually and as trustee of the David Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #1, and David R. Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #2, SOUTHPAC INTERNATIONAL TRUST LTD., as trustee of the David R. Markin 2003 Trust, DAVID R. MARKIN 2003 TRUST, DAVID MARKIN CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST #1, DAVID R. MARKIN CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST #2,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SLB)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-05224 (SLB)

ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

The named defendants, David R. Markin, individually and as trustee of the David Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #1, and David R. Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #2, SouthPac International Trust Ltd., as trustee of the David R Markin 2003 Trust, David R. Markin 2003 Trust, David Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #1("Unitrust #1") and David R. Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #2 ("Unitrust #2")(collectively described herein as the "Defendant")<sup>1</sup>, by and through the undersigned counsel, submit this Answer and Affirmative Defenses to the Amended Complaint dated January 25, 2012 (the "Amended Complaint") filed by Irving Picard ("Plaintiff" or "Trustee") as Trustee of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities ("BLMIS") in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Civ. No. 11-7602) as follows:

To the extent any allegation is not specifically admitted, it is expressly denied. No response is required to the various headings or subheadings throughout the Amended Complaint. To the extent that responses are required to the various headings or subheadings, however, all are denied.

1. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in the second sentence of the Amended Complaint, except expressly denies that this adversary arises from a Ponzi scheme, but admits that Bernard L. Madoff ("Madoff") pled guilty to certain crimes and respectfully refers the Court to a copy of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As shown below, the claims against the David R. Markin 2003 Trust, SouthPac International Trust Ltd., and the David R. Markin Charitable Remainder Unitrust #2 have been dismissed by order of the United States District Court, affirmed by the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Unitrusts #1 and #2 have not existed as legal entities since 2007 when they were terminated with the consent of the Internal Revenue Service. Accordingly, there has not been for years and there currently is not a trustee for either Unitrust against whom the Trustee's non specific claims may be properly asserted. The claims against David Markin individually were not stated with the requisite particularity and pursuant to an order of the United States Bankruptcy Court dated July 16, 2015 such claims against subsequent transferees have been dismissed without prejudice to the Trustee's right to amend the complaint. Finally, David Markin died on May 30, 2013 and his estate has not been substituted as the claims against David Markin as a subsequent transferee have been dismissed. Based upon the foregoing, this answer is filed as a protective measure on behalf of the Defendant.

transcript of the United States District Court for Southern District of New York dated March 12, 2009 and other filings and pleadings in that case for the complete contents therein.

- 2. Paragraph 2 consists of characterizations and legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant expressly denies that (a) any named defendant was a beneficiary of a Ponzi scheme, (b) any named defendant received other people's money or avoidable transfers and (c) any payments any named defendant may have received are fictitious profits or recoverable by the Trustee. Pursuant to the Memorandum Decision of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York dated , the Trustee's attempt to convert a subsequent transferee claim to an initial transferee claim in Paragraph 2 of the Amended Complaint has been discredited. Moreover, as set forth more fully below, the Trustee's claims under New York law and for recovery of alleged transfers made before two years before the filing of the BLMIS bankruptcy case have been dismissed.
- 3. Defendant admits that Plaintiff purports to have brought this action under 15 U.S.C. §§ 78 fff(b),78 fff-1(a),78 fff-2(c) and 78 fff-2(c)(3), section 105(a), 544, 548(a), 550 and 551 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), the New York Fraudulent Conveyance Act New York Debtor and Creditor Law § 270 et seq. (McKinney 2001) ("DCL"), and other applicable law, but denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief against the Defendant pursuant to the cited provisions or otherwise. Defendant further denies that (a) Defendant incurred fraudulent obligations or received fraudulent conveyances in connection with certain transfers by BLMIS and (b) Plaintiff is entitled to set aside, avoid or recover any transfers from BLMIS. Defendant respectfully refers the Court to the Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York dated May 22, 2012 (Case No 12 MC 01115(JSR)) dismissing the Trustee's claims that seek avoidance of (a) preferences under section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) constructive fraudulent transfers under section 548(a)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code and (c) actual and constructive fraudulent conveyances under provisions of

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New York Debtor & Creditor Law incorporated by section 544(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. On June 22, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States denied certiorari of the Trustee's appeal of SIPC v. Ida Fishman Revocable Trust, 14-1128 and Picard v. Ida Fishman Revocable Trust, 14-1129, and thus section 546(e) of the Bankruptcy Code applies to this proceeding and eliminates the Trustee's claims for any purported transfers made more than two years before the filing of the BLMIS bankruptcy case and any claims based upon New York law. In addition, by order dated July 16, 2015, the United States Bankruptcy Court dismissed the trustee's claims to avoid obligations and his claims against subsequent transferees in this adversary proceeding.

- 4. Defendant admits that Plaintiff commenced this adversary proceeding "in the same Court before which the main SIPA proceeding, No. 08-01789 (BRL) is pending", but denies that the Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1334, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78 eeee(b)(2)(A). The remaining allegations of Paragraph 4 consist of legal conclusions as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant respectfully refers this Court to the docket of proceedings in the United States District Court for an accurate account of the reference of this adversary proceeding.
- 5. Paragraph 5 of the Amended Complaint consists of conclusions of law as to which no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, Defendant denies the allegation contained in Paragraph 5, does not consent to the entry of a final judgment by the Bankruptcy Court, and respectfully refers all questions of law to the appropriate court. Defendant demands a jury trial.
- 6. Paragraph 6 of the Amended Complaint consists of conclusions of law as to which no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, Defendant denies the allegation contained in Paragraph 6 and respectfully refers all questions of law to the appropriate court.

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- 7. Paragraph 7 consists of a number of factual characterizations that are disputed. David Markin is deceased. As stated above, the Unitrusts were legally terminated and no trustee has existed or currently exists. There is no longer a claim against the David Markin 2003 Trust or its beneficiaries. Finally, several named charities were charitable beneficiaries of Unitrust #1 and #2.
  - 8. Paragraph 8 relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
  - 9. Paragraph 9 relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 10. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 10. The Unitrust #1 was legally terminated in 2007 and its assets, including an assets in its accounts at BLMIS were distributed in accordance with the trust documents and applicable law.
  - 11. Paragraph 11 relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 12. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 12 of the Amended Complaint, except admits, on information and belief, that Madoff was arrested on December 11, 2008, and refers the Court to the filings and pleadings in the various referenced actions relating to Madoff and BLMIS for the complete contents therein. The footnote to Paragraph 12 consists of a legal conclusion to which no response is required.
- 13. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 13 of the Amended Complaint, and refers the Court to the referenced order for the complete contents therein.
- 14. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 14 of the Amended Complaint, and refers the Court to the filings and pleadings in the various actions relating to Madoff and BLMIS for the complete contents therein.

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- 15. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 15 of the Amended Complaint, and refers the Court to the referenced order for the complete contents therein.
- 16. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 16 of the Amended Complaint, and refers the Court to the referenced orders for the complete contents therein.
- 17. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 17 of the Amended Complaint, and refers the Court to the Plea Allocution for the complete contents therein.
- 18. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 18 of the Amended Complaint, and refers the Court to the referenced Plea Allocution for the complete contents therein.
- 19. Paragraph 19 of the Amended Complaint consists of a series of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 19 of the Amended Complaint.
- 20. Paragraph 20 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 20 of the Amended Complaint.
- 21. Paragraph 21 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 21 of the Amended Complaint.

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- 22. Paragraph 22 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 18 and each sub part in Paragraph 22 of the Amended Complaint. Given the rulings described above, Defendant expressly denies that the Trustee has the power to avoid and recover transfers under sections 544, 547, 548(a)(1(B) of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable state law.
- 23. Defendant admits that BLMIS was a broker-dealer registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission and a member of SIPC but Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 23 of the Amended Complaint.
- 24. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 24 of the Amended Complaint.
- 25. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 25 of the Amended Complaint.
- 26. Defendant admits that BLMIS sent monthly statements purportedly showing the securities that were held in the accounts or traded through the accounts, but Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 26 of the Amended Complaint. To the extent that Plaintiff relies on the Madoff's Plea Allocution, Defendant respectfully refers the Court to the Plea Allocution for the complete contents therein.
- 27. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 27 of the Amended Complaint.
- 28. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 28 of the Amended Complaint.

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- 29. Paragraph 29 of the Amended Complaint consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies that any monies sent to BLMIS was used to enrich the Defendant. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of all remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 29 of the Amended Complaint.
- 30. Paragraph 30 of the Amended Complaint consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 30 of the Amended Complaint.
- 31. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of those allegations and all remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 31 of the Amended Complaint.
- 32. Defendant admits that BLMIS sent account holders monthly statements, but Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 32 of the Amended Complaint.
- 33. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 33 of the Amended Complaint.
- 34. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 34 of the Amended Complaint.
- 35. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 35 of the Amended Complaint and refers the Court to the referenced Uniform Application for Investment Advisor Registration for the complete contents therein.
- 36. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 36 of the Amended Complaint.

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- 37. Paragraph 37 of the Amended Complaint consists of certain legal conclusions and/or arguments relevant to the dismissed claims as to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in Paragraph 37 of the Amended Complaint.
- 38. Defendant admits that multiple accounts were maintained at BLMIS for which customary broker customer authorizations were executed. Defendant further admits that the account holders received periodic customer statements, confirmations and other communications from BLMIS. Defendant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations in Paragraph 38 of the Amended Complaint.
- 39. Defendant admits that account holders sent funds to BLMIS and or received inter account transfers in accounts at BLMIS for the purpose of having BLMIS conduct trading activities on their behalf. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in Paragraph 39 of the Amended Complaint.
- 40. Paragraph 40 of the Amended Complaint relates to the claim that has been dismissed.
- 41. Paragraph 41 of the Amended Complaint relates to the claim that has been dismissed.
- 42. Paragraph 42 of the Amended Complaint relates to the claim that has been dismissed.
- 43. Paragraph 43 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 44. Paragraph 44 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 45. Paragraph 45 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.

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- 46. Paragraph 46 of the Amended Complaint relates in part to a claim or claims that has or have been dismissed and/or consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies all allegations set forth in Paragraph 46 of the Amended Complaint.
- 47. Paragraph 47 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
  - 48. Paragraph 48 relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 49. Paragraph 49 of the Amended Complaint does not consist of any factual allegation for which a response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies all allegations set forth in Paragraph 49 of the Amended Complaint.
- 50. Paragraph 50 of the Amended Complaint does not consist of any factual allegation for which a response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies all allegations set forth in Paragraph 50 of the Amended Complaint.
  - 51. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 51 of the Amended Complaint.
  - 52. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 52 of the Amended Complaint.
  - 53. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 53 of the Amended Complaint.
- 54. Defendant admits the allegation in Paragraph 54 of the Amended Complaint, except that Defendant denies the characterization of the account as a "related account" and further states that David Markin is deceased.
- 55. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 55 of the Amended Complaint, except denies the characterization of the claim as the "Related Account Customer Claim."
- 56. Defendant denies information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 56 of the Amended Complaint. To the extent a response is required, Defendant refers the Court to the referenced Order for the complete contents therein.

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- 57. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the allegations contained in the previous Paragraphs of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 58. Paragraph 58 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 58 of the Amended Complaint.
- 59. Paragraph 59 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 59 of the Amended Complaint.
- 60. Paragraph 60 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. All references to Obligations in this paragraph relate to a claim that has been dismissed and therefore, require no response. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 60 of the Amended Complaint.
- 61. Paragraph 61 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 61 of the Amended Complaint.
- 62. Paragraph 62 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 63. Paragraph 63 of the Amended Complaint consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is required. All references to Obligations in this paragraph relate to a claim that has been dismissed and therefore, require no response. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations set forth in Paragraph 55 of the Amended Complaint.
- 64. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the allegations contained in the previous Paragraphs of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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- 65. Paragraph 65 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 66. Paragraph 66 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 67. Paragraph 67 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 68. Paragraph 68 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 69. Paragraph 69 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 70. Paragraph 70 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 71. Paragraph 71 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 72. Paragraph 72 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 73. Paragraph 73 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 74. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the allegations contained in the previous Paragraphs of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 75. Paragraph 75 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 76. Paragraph 76 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.

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- 77. Paragraph 77 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 78. Paragraph 78 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 79. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the allegations contained in the previous Paragraphs of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 80. Paragraph 80 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 81. Paragraph 81 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 82. Paragraph 82 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 83. Paragraph 83 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 84. Paragraph 84 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 85. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the previous Paragraphs of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 86. Paragraph 86 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 87. Paragraph 87 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 88. Paragraph 88 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.

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- 89. Paragraph 89 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 90. Paragraph 90 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 91. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the previous Paragraphs of the Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 92. Paragraph 91 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 93. Paragraph 92 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 94. Paragraph 93 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 95. Paragraph 94 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 96. Paragraph 95 of the Amended Complaint relates to a claim that has been dismissed.
- 97. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the previous Paragraphs of the Amended complaint as if fully set forth herein.
  - 98. Paragraph 98 relates to a claim or claims that have been dismissed.
  - 99. Paragraph 99 relates to a claim or claims that have been dismissed.
  - 100. Paragraph 100 relates to a claim or claims that have been dismissed.
  - 101. Paragraph 101 relates to a claim or claims that have been dismissed.
  - 102. Paragraph 102 relates to a claim or claims that have been dismissed.
- 103. Defendant incorporates by reference the answers and responses to the previous Paragraphs of the amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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- 104. Defendant admits that David Markin was the beneficial owner of an account held in his own name at BLMIS. The remaining allegations of Paragraph 104 consist of characterizations which are denied by Defendant.
- 105. Paragraph 105 consists of legal conclusions and/or arguments as to which no response is requires. To the extent a response is requires, Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 105 of the Amended Complaint.
- 106. Paragraph 106 does not consist of any factual allegation for which a response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies all allegations set forth in Paragraph 106 of the Amended Complaint

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendant asserts the following affirmative defenses and reserves the right to amend this Answer to assert other and further defenses when and if, in the course of investigation, discovery, or preparation for trial it becomes appropriate. By designating these matters as "defenses," Defendant does not relieve the Trustee of proving under the appropriate standard of proof all elements of any claim alleged. Defendant does not undertake any burdens that properly rest upon the Trustee, and does not suggest either that the Trustee does not bear the burden of proof as to such matters or that such matters are not elements that he must establish in order to make out a prima facie case against Defendant.

Under prior decisions applicable to this adversary proceeding, all of the claims alleged in the Amended Complaint are barred but for those claims asserted under sections 548(a)(1)(A) and 550(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. See Consent Order Granting Certification Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b) for Entry of Final Judgment Dismissing Certain Claims and Actions. See *Securities Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Secs. LLC (In re Madoff Secs.)*, No. 12-MC-0115 (JSR) (S.D.N.Y. April 27, 2012) (Docket No. 101) as affirmed by the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Furthermore, all claims to avoid obligations and or to recover - 15 -

against a subsequent transferee have been dismissed by order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

In the event that subsequent legal developments further alter the claims available to the Trustee, Defendant hereby raises each and every defense at law, in equity, or otherwise, available under any and all federal and state statutes, laws, rules, regulations or other creations, including common law. Defendant further adopts and incorporates by reference any and all other defenses asserted or to be asserted by any other defendant or party-in-interest to the extent that Defendant is similarly situated and may properly assert such defense.

Defendant reserves and asserts all affirmative defenses available under applicable federal or state law, including Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, New York Debtor and Creditor Law, New York Civil Practice and Local Rules, and reserves the right to assert other defenses, cross-claims, and third party claims when and if they become appropriate in this action. Defendant further reserves all rights to amend or modify this Answer accordingly. Defendant further reserves the right to withdraw defenses that are determined to be not applicable during the course of discovery and other proceedings in this case.

These defenses are set forth cumulatively and in the alternative.

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## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint violates Rules 8(a)(2) and 9(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009), and Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544 (2007) by, inter alia, (a) failing to describe each specific transfer and its recipient, (b) pleading numerous background allegations and purported legal standards that are not required for the assertion of the alleged claims, (c) pleading numerous factual allegations about which Defendant could not possibly have knowledge, (d) failing to allege facts sufficient to demonstrate that any

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transfers allegedly made to Defendant were made with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors or customers of BLMIS; (e) failing to allege sufficient facts to state a claim against a subsequent transferee, and (f) merely reciting provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and other laws in lieu of factual allegations.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This Court lacks jurisdiction over the final adjudication of the claims asserted in the Complaint under *Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S. Ct. 2594 (2011), and its progeny. The asserted claims are not core proceedings and Defendant does not consent to the entry of a final order and judgment by the Bankruptcy Court. Defendant further demands a trial by jury.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Trustee lacks standing, in whole or in part, to bring the claims asserted.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims are not ripe because they do not meet the conditions of section 78fff-2(c)(3) of SIPA. The Trustee has not established that there is a shortfall in customer property.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The transfers are not avoidable and/or recoverable because the funds at issue were held in trust by BLMIS and were not property of the estate in which BLMIS had a legal interest.

## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims are barred in whole or part by waiver, equitable estoppel and/or laches.

#### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims improperly conflate and combine accounts held by different parties in different legal entities in violation of SIPA and other applicable laws.

## NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims are barred in whole or part by applicable limitations periods.

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#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims are barred in whole or part by res judicata, collateral estoppel, and/or issue preclusion.

#### ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The alleged transfers, to the extent they were actually received by the Defendant, were taken for value and in good faith, as provided by section 548(c) and 550(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. They are thus not avoidable or recoverable as against Defendant under sections 548 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code.

### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Each claim for recovery of a fraudulent transfer is subject to recoupment or equitable adjustment because the Defendant received such transfer in good faith, without knowledge of the alleged fraud, and in payment of an antecedent debt, in whole or in part, on account of obligations owed by BLMIS for, *inter alia*, (a) amounts contractually due to customers under New York law for the balances shown on prior customer account statements and related documents; (b) rescission remedies, including damages and interest for fraud and misrepresentation pursuant to federal and state law; (c) the time value of money; (d) unjust enrichment; (e) damages for breach of fiduciary duty; and/or (f) money had and received.

## THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Each of the counts alleging a fraudulent transfer is subject to recoupment or other equitable adjustment to the extent that such transfers were, in whole or in part, used to pay tax obligations imposed on so-called "fictitious profits" reported on, among other things, IRS Form 1099 and other information reported by BLMIS to the Internal Revenue Service, state and/or local governmental taxing authorities.

## FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of *in pari delicto*, unclean hands or other related equitable defenses.

#### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims are barred in whole or part for failure to properly account for the time value of money through an interest adjustment to principal deposits.

#### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim on which relief can be granted because it fails to sufficiently trace the funds at issue from BLMIS to the Defendant.

### SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because, to the extent that Plaintiff incurred any injury or damage as alleged in the Complaint, which is denied, any such injury or damage was caused and brought about by the act, conduct or omissions of individuals and/or entities other than Defendant and, therefore, any recovery herein should be precluded or diminished in proportion to the amount of fault attributable to such other individuals and/or entities.

### EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The denial of the Defendant's claim is inconsistent with the provisions and policies of SIPA.

#### NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims under section 548(a)(1)(A) are barred because Defendant is the party that BLMIS sought to hinder, delay and defraud.

### TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Recovery of attorneys' fees from Defendant is not permissible under sections 544 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code because such fees are not a "transfer" or "conveyance" under applicable law.

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TWENTIETH FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Even if the Trustee would be entitled to the return of some or all of the transfers, he

would not be not entitled to interest from the date of each alleged transfer.

TWENTY SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred because he cannot prove his calculation of the account

transactions prior to 1998.

TWENTY THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The disallowance of Defendant's claim based on the claims against separate accounts is

contrary to the express provisions and rules of SIPA and its policies and practices.

WHEREFORE, Defendant demands judgment (a) dismissing each of the claims asserted

in the Complaint; (b) awarding the costs and disbursements of this proceeding, including

reasonable attorneys' fees; and (c) granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem

proper.

Dated: October 19, 2015

New York, New York

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served this 19th day of October, 2015 by electronic mail and U.S. Mail upon the following:

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